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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 5677

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ECOSOC  
SUBJECT: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 14 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY: US  
OFFER TO HOST CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR  
DEVELOPMENT

1. ON JULY 11, AMBASSADOR VERCELES, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DEPARTMENT IN PHILIPPINE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ADVISED MINISTER KITCHEN OF US ECOSOC DELEGATION, ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS OF PHILIPPINE STRATEGY ON UN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE. PHILIPPINES OBJECT, VERCELES SAID, AS TO ACT AS "STALKING HORSE" FOR US CANDIDACY, IN RETURN FOR US SUPPORT FOR PHILIPPINE CANDIDACY AS HOST FOR UNCTAD V. TACTICS WOULD BE TO KEEP PHILIPPINE "HAT" IN RING LONG ENOUGH TO BLOCK OUT AUSTRIAN AND MEXICAN CANDIDACIES, AND THEN WITHDRAW, LEAVING THE FIELD TO U.S.

2. OTHER LDC CONTENDER, MEXICO, CONTINUES TO KEEP ITS HAT IN THE RING. MEXICAN AMBASSADOR BARCELO, IN A CONVERSATION WITH DELEGATION MEMBER ON JULY 8, MAINTAINED THAT MEXICO WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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"RELAXED" ABOUT ITS CANDIDACY, SINCE SITE WOULD CERTAINLY BE IN A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. HE MADE THE SUGGESTION THAT THE FOUR CANDIDATES MEET INFORMALLY DURING ECOSOC TO "WORK SOMETHING OUT" ON THE SITE QUESTION "SO AS TO AVOID A VOTE".

3. COMMENT: GIVEN LATIN-AMERICAN SECRETARY GENERAL (AND DOMINANCE AT FIRST PREPCOM), PHILIPPINES ARE STRONGEST LDC

CONTENDER. THEY ARE ALSO LIKELY TO BE HOST TO UNCTAD V REGARD-  
LESS OF OUR POSITION. ALTHOUGH VERCELES APPROACH IS NO GUARANTEE  
OF FINAL OUTCOME, IT IS ANOTHER REASON FOR KEEPING US  
CANDIDACY OPEN, AND MAINTAINING OUR CURRENT POSTURE OF  
OBJECTIVE CONCERN FOR THE STATE OF CONFERENCE PREPARA-  
TIONS. THE MEXICAN SUGGESTION PROBABLY ARISES FROM  
PERSISTENT MISCONCEPTION THAT WE ARE ABOUT TO WITHDRAW AND  
IS BEST MET BY A POLITE REITERATION OF OUR POSITION AND NO  
MORE. UNLESS DEPARTMENT SEES REASON NOT TO, DELEGATION PROPOSES TO  
ASSURE VERCELES OF OUR SUPPORT FOR MANILA AS SITE FOR UNCTAD V.  
WHILE VERCELES IS IN GENEVA, DELEGATION SUGGESTS QUESTION  
NOT BE RAISED WITH FILIPINOS.SORENSEN

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